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Filed: June 23, 1999  
For: METHODS FOR PROFILING AND MANUFACTURING  
TISSUE USING A DATABASE THAT INCLUDES INDICES  
REPRESENTATIVE OF A TISSUE POPULATION  
Attorney Docket No. 99-40117-US (226896.20028)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following for filing in connection with the above-referenced application:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
2. Submission of Amendment;
3. Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 w/references;
4. Petition for Two month Extension of Time;
5. A check in the amount of \$595.00 (\$385.00 RCE fee & \$210.00 extension fee);
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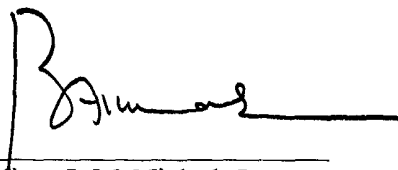
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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- ii. ☒ Other Amendment in response to the Office Action of June 11, 2003
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

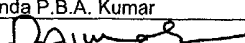
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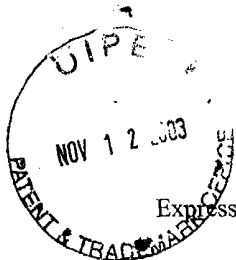
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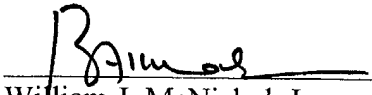
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Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2003 by two months. With the extension, the response is due on or before November 12, 2003. A check for \$595.00 ( \$210.00 Extension fee and \$385.00 RCE fee) is enclosed herewith to cover the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(2) for a small entity.

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